

# **PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT**

## **38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS**

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### **Pink Bollworm Activities**

#### **Palo Verde and Imperial Valleys:**

Adjustments continue to be made to the Imperial and Blythe/Palo Verde Valley cotton maps as fields are added and deleted. Agricultural Pest Control Specialist Jodi Brigman will be contacting growers regarding the location and size of their refuge cotton acreage. Traps serviced this week indicate over-wintering emergence continues in the Blythe/Palo Verde area, but is slowing in the Imperial Valley. Projections for the first in-field generation of 2005 are for mid-June in the Imperial Valley and a week later in the Blythe/Palo Verde area.

#### **San Joaquin Valley:**

Mapping began in Kings and Tulare Counties this week, while Kern County was completed. To date, 122,560 acres have been mapped in Kern County, down 15.3% from the 142,125 acres in 2004. Mapping in Tulare and Kings will most likely take another full week.

Sterile moth releases remain consistent with just over 11.4 million released this week. This brings the season total to 20.2 million sterile moths released.

The Visalia Identification Lab examined 47 traps this week, which contained 2,260 sterile moths. There was an average of 48.1 sterile moths per trap this week.

#### **Sacramento Valley:**

The anticipated start date for Pink Bollworm Program mapping and trapping in the Sacramento Valley is September 6<sup>th</sup>.